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SUBJECT: CCD ENLARGEMENT; BELGIAN REPRESENTATION

1. BELGIAN COUNSELOR (ONKELINX) WHO FOLLOWS CCD DEVELOPMENTS TOLD US DELOFF THAT PROSPECTIVE FRG ADMISSION TO CCD HAS PROMPTED HIM AND SOME OF HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY COLLEAGUES (HE MENTIONED DAVIGNON AND WILLOT) TO CONSIDER ONCE AGAIN QUESTION OF BELGIAN REPRESENTATION ON CCD. HE SAID THEY FELT THAT ONCE FRG WAS ADMITTED, BELGIUM WOULD BE THE
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ONLY "MAJOR"NATION IN THE GROUP OF NINE THAT WAS

STILL OUTSIDE THE COMMITTEE. RECOGNIZING THAT FULL BELGIAN MEMBERSHIP WAS PROBABLY NOT FEASIBLE BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS OF POLITICAL "BALANCE" THAT WOULD BE RAISED BY SOVIETS AND NON-ALIGNED, ONKELINX SAID HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES WERE THINKING OF RESURRECTING IDEA OF PLACING BELGIAN DIPLOMAT ON NETHERLANDS CCD DEL.

2. ONKELINX RECALLED THAT WHEN BELGIANS HAD FIRST RAISED THIS IDEA IN CONNECTION WITH 1969 ENLARGEMENT OF CCD, US HAD OPPOSED IT ON GROUNDS THAT IT MIGHT SET PRECEDENT WHICH SOVIETS WOULD EXPLOIT BY SEATING GDR REP ON USSR DELEGATION. NOW, HOWEVER, SINCE GDR WOULD ITSELF BECOME MEMBER OF CCD ALONG WITH FRG, THIS DRAWBACK NO LONGER EXISTED. ONKELINX ADDED THAT THIS IDEA HAD NOT YET BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE DUTCH AND THAT BELGIANS' CONSIDERATION OF IT WAS STILL IN VERY PRELIMINARY STAGE. HE OBSERVED, HOWEVER, THAT PLACING OF BELGIAN OFFICER ON DUTCH DEL WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH NEW BELGIAN GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE TO STRENGTHEN BENELUX TIES.

3. US DELOFF TOLD ONKELINX THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY RETHINKING OR CHANGE REGARDING US ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE PLACING OF BELGIAN REP ON DUTCH DELEGATION AND HE CAUTIONED ONEKLINX AGAINST ASSUMING THAT GDR ADMISSION WOULD LEAD TO MODIFICATION OF USG VIEWS ON THIS POINT. DELOFF STRESSED THAT US, IN SUPPORTING FRG'S CANDIDACY, WAS SEEKING LEAST COMPLICATED AND MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF BRINGING FRG INTO CCD. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THEREFORE THAT ONKELINX AND HIS COLLEAGUES WOULD AVOID REOPENING POTENTIALLY TROUBLESOME QUESTION OF BELGIAN REPRESENTATION AND THAT BELGIANS WOULD CONTINUE TO CONSIDER THEMSELVES SATISFACTORILY SERVED BY ESTABLISHED PRACTICE OF NATO CONSULTATIONS AND GENEVA BRIEFINGS ON CCD'S WORK.

4. COMMENT: HAVING BELGIAN REP PLACED ON NETHERLANDS' DEL CONTINUES TO STRIKE US AS HIGHLY UNDESIRABLE SINCE CONFIDENTIAL

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IT WOULD SET PRECEDENT FOR SEATING ALL MANNER OF OBJECTIONABLE OUTSIDERS ON SOVIET, ARAB AND OTHER NON-ALIGNED DELEGATIONS. BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO OPPOSE THIS IDEA FIRMLY IN FURTHER CONTACTS WITH BELGIANS.DALE

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